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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

19 Cr. 651 (LTS)

5 THEOFRASTOS LYMBERATOS,

6 Defendant.

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New York, N.Y.
March 20, 2020
11:30 a.m.

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10 Before:

11 HON. LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN

District Judge

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13 APPEARANCES (via telephone)

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Southern District of New York

15 BY: ROBERT SOBELMAN

16 Assistant United States Attorney

17 DAVID BERTAN

JEFFREY LIETMAN

18 Attorneys for Defendant

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(Telephonic conference)

THE COURT: Good morning, everyone.

Counsel, please state your appearances.

MR. SOBELMAN: Robert Sobelman for the United States.

Good morning, your Honor.

MR. LIETMAN: Jeffrey Lietman for the defendant
Theofrastos Lymberatos.

MR. BERTAN: David Bertan for Mr. Lymberatos.

THE COURT: Good morning. And is Mr. Lymberatos also
on?

THE DEFENDANT: Good morning, your Honor. This is
Theofrastos Lymberatos.

THE COURT: Good morning. And is Mr. Einhorn also on?

MR. LIETMAN: No, Judge, just us.

THE COURT: All right. And so we've called this
conference because I understand that Mr. Lymberatos has
retained the office of Mr. Lietman and is requesting that
Mr. Bertan, the court-appointed CJA attorney, be relieved of
the representation. Is that correct?

MR. BERTAN: One minor matter, I am retained.

THE COURT: I'm sorry, we were trying to figure out
from the docket sheet and there were ambiguous indications. So
Mr. Bertan will be replaced by retained counsel Mr. Lietman's
office. Is that correct?

MR. LIETMAN: Yes.

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1 THE COURT: And, Mr. Lymberatos, do you wish me to
2 relieve Mr. Bertan and recognize Mr. Lietman and Mr. Einhorn as
3 your attorneys of record?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: And do you understand that they will not
6 be court appointed counsel, and you will be responsible for the
7 expenses of the representation, including their fees?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Very well, then. Mr. Lietman and
10 Mr. Bertan, will you make the necessary arrangements for
11 transferring information?

12 MR. BERTAN: Yes, your Honor. I have already heard
13 from Ms. Greenwood who is discovery coordinator. I have the
14 drive of discovery. And there is a protective order in place.
15 My understanding is that new counsel has already begun working
16 with Emma regarding signing the protective order. If
17 necessary, I will just transfer my drive over to counsel once
18 the order is signed.

19 THE COURT: And, Mr. Sobelman, you will do whatever
20 you need to do to help get Mr. Lietman up to speed?

21 MR. SOBELMAN: Yes, of course, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Thank you. And so we will enter an order
23 reflecting the substitution of counsel.

24 Ms. Ng, will you prepare that?

25 DEPUTY COURT CLERK: Yes, I will, Judge.

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1 THE COURT: Thank you. Are there any other matters
2 that we all need to take up together?

3 MR. LIETMAN: No, Judge.

4 MR. SOBELMAN: Nothing from the government.

5 THE COURT: Thank you. All right. Everyone keep safe
6 and keep well. The next conference in this case is scheduled
7 for April 28, 2020 at 10 in the morning, so with that we will
8 adjourn. Take care, everyone.

9 (Adjourned)

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